

SENATE BILL 1570

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 66, sale or lease of property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-7-107, is amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(e) The owner or landlord of the real property is obligated to pay the costs required to physically remove the tenant's personal belongings from the rental property in compliance with an eviction order of the court in all eviction proceedings brought under this section by the district attorney general; such costs not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400) for each such eviction order.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 66-28-504, is amended by adding the following language after the final sentence of the section:

A landlord who knowingly removes or excludes a tenant from the premises or knowingly diminishes services to the tenant by interrupting essential services in violation of this chapter commits a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.